MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

COLD WATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

MOUNT ZION CHURCH,

DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,

On the 19th and 22d Oct., 1849.

MOUNT ZION CHURCH, Desoto Co., Miss., Oct. 19th, 1849.

Delegates composing the association convened in the church. The introductory rmon was preached by Rev. S. HALLIBURTON, from 1st Corinthians 15th, 58th: Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in e work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the ord."

Adjourned for thirty minutes.

Met pursuant to adjournment: prayer by the Moderator. After reading the let-s, which gave the statistics as follows, (see Appendix A.) the Association was then ganized by the election of Rev. S. HALLIBURTON, Moderator, and brother W. J. A-ON, Clerk.

On motion, the door of the Association was opened for the reception of petitionary ters, when the following were presented: one from Emory Church, Po. Co., praying mission into this Association; petition being granted, the right hand of fellowship s extended to her delegates. One also from Peach Creek, Po. Co., which was eived, and the right hand of fellowship extended to her delegates.

On motion, all ministering brethren were invited to sit with us, and to participate he deliberations of the Association.

A call being made for corresponding letters, one was presented from Big Hachie ociation, and the Rev. W. Dupuy recognized as a messenger.

On motion, Rev. G. Tucker was recognized as messenger from the State conven-n.

Appointed a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of J. Dennis, G. Tucker, J. Burns, W. Wooten, E. D. Stamps, and on motion, the Moderator and Clerk.

The following resolution was offered by R. T. Sanders:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report on the expediency of establishing a Female Seminary of high order, under the auspices and control of the Cold Water Baptist Association, and report on to-morrow.

The following brethren were appointed said committee: R. T. Sanders, B. F. Buchanan, and S. Williams.

On motion, adjourned until Saturday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. G. B. Waldrup.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The association met pursuant to adjournment: prayer by Rev. J. A. Kimball.

The roll being called and absentees marked, rules of decorum were called for and read.

Committee of Arrangements reported; report received and committee discharged.

Correspondents being called for, one was received from the Panola association, and her messengers, J. A. Kimball and A. Applewhite were invited to sit with us. One also from Chickasaw association.

Reports of committees being called for; the committee appointed to report on the expediency of establishing a Female Seminary reported; report received, amended, adopted and committee discharged.—[See Appendix B.]

On motion, adjourned to hear the sermon on Indian Missions, by Rev. J. Burns, from Acts 2, 39; after which a collection was taken up for Indian Missions, amounting to $34 85.

SATURDAY 2 o'clock, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment: prayer by Rev. G. Tucker. Appointed a Committee of Finance, consisting of E. D. Stamps, and C. H. Farley.

On motion, the rules were suspended, and brother Cullen Andrews, of Sun Flower church, presented to the association, in the name of Miss Mary M. Prince, aged 7 years, a small box of dimes, containing $2 85, and requested the association to apply the same to the China Mission, with the following superscription on the box:

"'Twas Jesus' last and great command,
Go teach my word in every land,
To all be my salvation shown,
To every creature make it known."

"Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15, 14.

Signed, MARY M. PRINCE.

Appointed committees to report on the following subjects:

On Foreign Missions—Brethren J. Dennis, M. Halliburton, J. S. Webster.

On Domestic Missions—Brethren W. Wooten, J. R. Hamilton, W. O. Mabry.

On the Bible Cause—Brethren G. Tucker, J. L. Mabry, A. O. Askew.

On Indian Missions—Brethren J. Burns, J. S. Oliver, J. R. Strickland.

On the Religious state of the Coloured Population—Brethren B. B. Buchanan, R. T. Sanders, W. R. Cockrum.

On motion, adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning.

SUNDAY, 11 o'clock, A. M.

The missionary sermon was preached by Rev. J. Dennis, from Matthew 24, 14. After which a collection was taken up for missionary purposes, amounting to $38 00.

After an intermission of an hour a sermon was preached by Rev. Eldridge, from Gal. 5th, 22d. After which Rev. J. Dennis delivered a very feeling exhortation.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment: prayer by Rev. A. D. Trimble. The roll was called and absentees marked.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That each member of the Executive Board be requested to take up collections on all suitable occasions, for the purpose of sustaining Domestic Missions, independent of the amounts pledged by the churches.

On motion, the following committees were appointed to report to the next association.

On Foreign Missions—Brethren Jas. Dennis, W. A. Boon.

On Domestic Missions—Brethren J. R. Hamilton, D. B. Killebrew, D. Wall.

On Indian Missions—Brethren S. Halliburton, D. Farrow, E. D. Stamps.

On the Bible Cause—Brethren J. Burns, W. A. McCargo, J. W. Stamps.

On the Coloured Population—Brethren R. T. Sanders, S. Williams, J. Jarman.

Appointed the following delegates to religious bodies:

To the State Convention—W. A. Boon, Jas. S. Oliver, F. W. Thompson, W. M. Wallace, J. Dennis, C. B. Young, —— Greer, B. B. Buchanan, H. M. Jeter.

To the Big Hachie Association—J. Dennis, J. R. Hamilton, J. F. Phillips, J. W. Stamps, M. Hamilton.

To the Chickasaw Association—C. B. Young, J. J. Power, M. H. Renfroe.

To the Yallabusha Association—C. Andrews, J. R. Strickland, F. W. Thompson.

To the Panola Association—C. B. Young, M. H. Renfroe, J. R. Hamilton, S. Halliburton.

Resolved, That our messengers to the religious bodies with whom we correspond be instructed to bring before them the subject of our Female Seminary, and endeavor to secure their co-operation in the object contemplated.

The report of our Missionary, W. Dupuy was read and ordered to be spread on the minutes.—[See Appendix C.]

The report of our assistant missionary, S. Halliburton, was read and ordered to be spread on the minutes.—[See Appendix D.]

The Committee of Finance reported; report received and committee discharged.

The Committee on Domestic Missions reported; report received and adopted.—[See Appendix E.]

The Committee on the Bible Cause reported; report received and adopted.—[See Appendix F.]

The Executive Board reported; received and adopted.—[See Appendix G.]

On motion, the Sun Flower Church was released from paying the sum pledged for Domestic Missions.

Resolved, That if in the judgement of the executive board the cause of Christ will be more promoted by cherishing infant churches, than by preaching constantly in destitute places, that we hereby grant them the authority to do so, provided we do not grant them the power to appoint pastor of churches.

On motion, the delegates were called on for pledges from their respective churches for the support of Domestic Missions for the ensuing year; when the following were pledged:—

For the Hernando church,	$50 00	For the Tallalösa church,	$ 5 00
" Lebanon church,	20 00	" County Line church,	25 00
" Antioch church,	00 00	" Cold Water church,	10 00
" Philadelphia church,	30 00	" Pleasant Grove church,	10 00
" Union church,	10 00	" Mount Zion church,	15 00
" Chulahoma church,	40 00	" Liberty church,	15 00
" Salem church,	5 00	" Bethany church,	10 00
" State Line church,	15 00	" Wyatte church,	5 00
" Sun Flower church,	00 00	" Nonconnah church,	5 00
" Emery church,	10 00	" Peach Creek church,	00 00

BY INDIVIDUALS.

H. Nichols, $5 00; W. Dowdy, $10 00; A. Turnage, $5 00, - - - - - - - - 20 00

Amounting to $300 00

On motion, the petition of Emery church was referred to the Executive Board.

Resolved, That our churches be particularly requested to state in their annual letters the amount they are willing to pay for Domestic Missions in our bounds.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment: prayer by Rev. J. W. Stamps.

Appointed an Executive Board, for the ensuing year, Jas. S. Oliver, W. M. Dowdy, J. R. Hamilton, E. G. Hudson, E. Sugg, E. B. Hibbler, W. Wooten, B. H. Collins, W. O. Mabry, J. W. Stamps, W. Clayton, S. P. McCorkle, N. G. Whitley, A. O. Askew, D. M. Lowry, E. D. Stamps, J. F. Phillips, C. Andrews, M. F. Lock, J. S. Webster, J. W. Hayes, W. Maxwell.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to lay off, into four districts, this association.

The following brethren were appointed said committee: R. T. Sanders, D. B. Killebrew, W. O. Mabry.

Resolved, That the thanks of this association be tendered to our missionaries, Rev. W. Dupuy and S. Halliburton.

Resolved, That the thanks of this association be tendered to brethren Jas. Dennis —— Young, and all others who have made sacrifices in order to assist our missionaries in holding protracted meetings.

Appointments for the next association, to preach the Introductory Sermon, James Dennis and J. R. Hamilton, alternate. To preach the Missionary Sermon, S. Halliburton and G. Tucker, alternate. On Indian Missions, G. Tucker and C. B. Young, alternate.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the moderator, for the impartial and dignified manner in which he has discharged the duties of said office.

Resolved, That the thanks of this association be tendered to the Mount Zion church and neighborhood, for their kindness and hospitality to her members and visiters during the session.

Appointed the next meeting of this body to meet with the Salem church, Friday before the 3d Sabbath in Oct. 1850.

After some feeling remarks by the moderator, the parting hymn was sung, commencing,

"Hail, sweetest, dearest tie, that binds
Our glowing hearts in one;"

and prayer by the moderator; when the association adjourned to meet with the Salem church at the time appointed.

S. HALLIBURTON, *Moderator.*

WILLIAM J. A. BOON, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX A.—STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	MINISTERS.	Days of meeting.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Funds sent up.	Total No. Members.
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Union, Panola,	Belmont,	E. B. Hibbler, B. R. Perry* T. Jones,*	C. B. Young,	4th sab.	6			3			2 00	33
State Line, Desoto,	Olive Branch,	B. B. Buchannan, J. Burns, E. D. Stamps, E. Crutcher,	J. Burns,	1st sab.							5 00	127
Hernando, Desoto,	Hernando,	J. Dennis, J. S. Oliver, R. T. Sanders, W. A. Boon,	J. Dennis, J. Burns,	2d & 4th	6	13		6		2	5 00	112
Salem, Desoto,	Tatesville,	M. A. Renfroe, S. Williams, A. O. Askew,	C. B. Young,	3d sab.	9		1	16			2 00	81
County Line, Desoto,	Gim Wolf,	G. Tucker, T. H. Williams, J. R. Strickland	G. Tucker,	4th sab.	6	8	1	1	2		4 00	97
Mount Zion, Desoto,	Elm Grove,	F. W. Thompson, J. H. Jackson, J. Q. Sandidge,	G. B. Waldrup	1st sab.	3	1	1	5	1	1	2 00	71
Cold Water, Marshall,	Olive Branch,	A. T. Petty,* M. T. Ferrell, J. W. Stamps,	W. Gowen,	4th sab.		1		4	1	1	2 00	36
Bethel, Desoto,	Elm Grove,	G B Waldrup, W. Graham, W Eavenson,*	J. Dennis,	3d sab.	13	7	1	2			2 00	55
Lebanon, Panola,	Belmont,	J. R. Hamilton, D. R. Wall, C. H. Farley,	J. J. Sledge,	1st sab.	28	5		2	1		3 00	96
Bethany, Desoto,	Gim Wolf,	J. G. McGee, H. Burrel,										
Liberty, Desoto,	Hernando,	S. Halliburton, J. Renfroe,* M. Halliburton, N. Whitley,	J R Renfroe, S Halliburton,	1st sab.	43	8			1	1	3 00	101
Tallaloosa, Marshall,	Tallaloosa,	A. Turnage, B. A. Collins, A. J. Davidson,	E. Rogers,	4th sab.	1	1		2	2		2 00	30
Antioch, Desoto,	Cockrum's X Roads,	W. R. Cockrum,* E. D. Hudson, H. Nichols,	J. J. Power,	3d sab.	3	5		3			2 00	24
Sun Flower, Coahoma,	Delta,	J. L. Bruton, C. Andrews, N. K. Level,	A. W. Elledge	3d sab.	10			7	1	1	1 50	43
Holly Springs, Marshall,	Hollysprings,	J. N. Record,* J. Phillips, J. H. Nelson,*	G. Tucker,	1st sab.				3	1		2 00	69
Philadelphia,	Chulahoma,	J. J. Power, L. W. Wilson, B. Sugg,*	C B Young, J. J. Power,	2d & 4th	8	14					3 00	45
Pleasant Grove,	Red Banks,	E. Rogers, L. Norman, W. Clayton,	E. Rogers,	1st sab.		3				1	2 00	39
Wyatt, Lafayette,	Wyatt,	M. F. Lock.*									1 00	
Nonconnah, Shelby, Tenn	Eutaw,	L. Farrow, G. S. Webster,	S. Halliburton,	2d sab.	8	4		2	2		1 00	29
Emory, Panola,		J. W. Haze, L. Hess, B. Pindleton,	C. B. Young,	1st sab.	21		4				2 00	25
Peach Creek, Panola,		T. J. White, J. Mason,									1 00	16
					170	73	9	60	15	8	52 50	1226

* Absent.

APPENDIX B.

Your committee to whom was referred the consideration of the establishment of a Female Seminary of high order within the bounds of the Cold. Water Baptist Association, beg leave to report,

That from the limited time they have had to reflect on the subject, they are certain they cannot do it that justice which its importance demands; yet the necessities of the denomination and their friends are such, in this and the adjoining associations, as to require some immediate action, in order to establish as soon as circumstances will permit, a high school answering their wants.

Your committee are aware that the present is an age of improvement in mind, and to keep pace with that improvement, institutions of learning of high character, for our female rising generation must be had; and your committee are aware that the subject of female education has too long slumbered in our denomination, with a few praiseworthy exceptions, for if you would see the rising generation a happy and prosperous one, it must be an educated one; for though we may never want a female to sway the sceptre of State or take an active part in the Legislative Hall, yet an educated female community will always secure a corresponding opposite. The character is ever formed from impressions made in early life by female precept and example.

Your committe would respectfully suggest, that the association appoint a committee of 22, one from each church, to solicit subscriptions for the erection of suitable buildings for accommodation of said school, and they would further suggest that said school be denominated the Cold Water Baptist Female Seminary, and that its location be selected by said committee, and to be under the special management of the Baptist Denomination through a Board of Trustees, appointed by the Cold Water Association, two-thirds of whom shall be of the Baptist Denomination and the other third from those friendly thereto.

And your committee would further suggest, that the teachers of said school shall be of the regular Baptist church.

Your committee are of opinion, that in order to commence operations as soon as the requisite funds shall be secured (as doubtless they will) that the association should delegate to the Executive Board the power to appoint a Building Committee to determine on the plan.

Your committee would further suggest, that the buildings be so constructed, as to answer all collegiate purposes, if the patronage of the seminary should hereafter warrant the Trustees in changing it into a college, as we have no doubt the wants of our beloved denomination and their friends require such an institution, and that of the very highest order.

R. T. SANDERS,
B. B. BUCHANAN, } *Committee.*
S. WILLIAMS,

On motion, the moderator proceeded to appoint the following committee to collect funds and locate the institution:

R. T. Sanders,	Wm. Graham,	D. B. Killebrew,
W. R. Cockrum,	B. Suggs,	Dr. E. B. Hibbler,
Dr. J. L. Mabry,	B. H. Collins,	Rev. G. Tucker,
Rev. J. W. Stamps,	W. Clayton,	S. P. McCorkle,
Rev. S. Halliburton,	S. Williams,	D. Lowry,
E. D. Stamps,	J. F. Phillips,	C. Andrews,
J. S. Webster,	T. J. White,	L. Hiss,
M. F. Lock.		

APPENDIX C.

Dear Brethren,—Another anniversary of your association having arrived, it becomes my duty to give you a succinct account of my labors, during the past associational year. I therefore respectfully submit this my sixth annual report.

Having no one to assist me during the first of the year, it was impossible for me to supply every destitute neighborhood, but I endeavored as much as possible to supply the places, that seemed to be *most destitute.* My congregations have usually been much larger, than during any former year; and the people have manifested unusual interest in the subject of religion, in almost every neighborhood that I have visited.

I continued my regular appointments until the second Lord's day in July; since that time brother Halliburton and myself (and occasionally some good brethren who had the kindness to assist us) have been holding protracted meetings, at which the Lord has deigned to meet with us, and graciously pour out his spirit upon the people, so that scores of precious souls have been brought into sweet subjection, to the mild and pacific reign of the blessed Redeemer.

I have rarely known revivals so general, for we have scarcely held a meeting of days, at any place, at which we have not had, to some extent, a revival. And the Lord has been pleased in an especial manner, to build up the waste places in your association; for our most extensive revivals have been in the most destitute places. Having had a short attack of fever, I was prevented attending two very interesting meetings, and was under the necessity of retiring from my field of operation for nearly three weeks. Were it not for extending my report beyond the proper limit, I should be glad to give you an account of all the revivals we have had; but I will content myself with giving you only a short history of one. In a destitute neighborhood near Tallahatchie, where there was no church and very little preaching of any kind, I thought it best to have a Lord's day appointment, until the time for holding protracted meetings, then being aided by brethren Halliburton, Young and Renfroe, each a part of the time, we held a meeting about thirteen days, at which there were about forty-six professed religion, and seventeen were immersed during the meeting; four subsequently at that place, and one at Union church. At the meeting we constituted a church, which I suppose will join your association. Greatly to the commendation of the non-professing part of the community, I will mention two remarkable circumstances. There were so few professors of religion in the neighborhood, it became necessary they should bear no small part in supporting the meeting, which they seemed to do with great cheerfulness; and in addition to that entirely unsolicited, they presented me with about twenty-one dollars as a compensation for my labors among them. But the most of those, whom I called non-professors, I am happy to state are not such now, but are, I trust, children of the living God.

The following is a synopsis of my labors: I have traveled about one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one miles—preached one hundred and nine sermons—visited one hundred and twenty-two families—delivered thirty-three lectures—assisted in ordaining two deacons—assisted in constituting one church (the Emery church) and administered the Lord's supper once—delivered twenty-six exhortations—attended ten protracted meetings—baptized seventeen.

At all the meetings I have attended, there have been seventy-five professions. Brethren, pray for me. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

WHITFIELD DUPUY.

N. B.—Had it not been for circumstances, over which we had no control, we should have constituted another church.

APPENDIX D.

Dear Brethren,—According to your* appointment I commenced operations as your missionary, Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in July, since which time I have devoted all my spare time to the work; and we have great reason to rejoice that it has not been in vain. I have held five protracted meetings in connection with my colleague, brother Dupuy and other brethren. Brother Dupuy was prevented by sickness from being with me at two of those meetings, in one of which I was aided by brother M. H. Renfroe, in the other by brother James Dennis. At all these meetings there was ninety professions—more at some than others—varying from three to fifty. I have been engaged forty-nine days—travelled 370 miles—preached twenty-five sermons—delivered twenty-seven exhortations—baptized nine—constituted one church.

Dear Brethren: desiring an interest in your prayers I subscribe myself your humble brother in the patience and kingdom of Jesus.

SAMUEL HALLIBURTON.

APPENDIX E.

The committee appointed on Domestic Missions beg leave to report the following:

The subject of missions at home is one of considerable importance, and calls for increased exertions, upon the part of the church. The bounds of this association are of considerable extent, within which are to be found neighborhoods which, but for the labors of your missionaries, would be entirely destitute of the preaching of the word. Notwithstanding the liberalities of the churches comprising this association in sustaining the cause of Domestic Missions, they have not as yet (as it seems to us) manifested as lively an interest in this cause as its importance and urgency demands. Much good has been effected by your missionaries, which in eternity will doubtless tell well. Still, from the limited amount of services secured by this association, compared with the extent of the field of labor, much yet remains to be done. Taking into consideration the extent and the capability of the churches comprising this association, it would seem to us advisable in order to enlarge the field of labor; that in the place of sustaining *one* missionary, we should engage *two;* both of whom could be actively engaged in disseminating the truths of the everlasting gospel of Christ.

We beg leave to refer to the formation, and progress of this association, as confirmatory of the usefulness and success attendant upon missionary exertions. This association was constituted in 1841, composed of six churches, numbering two hundred and sixty-eight members, since which time the churches have increased to twenty-two, the members of the same having more than quadrupled since the commencement. In the early existence of this association (1843) the labors of brother Lewis were secured as missionary. After riding one year, brother Dupuy was secured in that capacity whose labors have continued up to the present time, embracing the interim of 1844—5.

From brother Dupuy we have been enabled to obtain the following statistics:—

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* To the Executive Board.

Traveled 12522 miles—sermons, 623—lectures, 281—visited families, 667—ordained deacons, twenty—administered the Lord's supper, sixteen—ordained ministers, two—delivered exhortations, 150—attended protracted meetings, thirty five—constituted ten churches—baptized ninety-one—about 500 converts.

Such is the report from *one* of our missionaries; now when we recollect that we have had the services of brother Lewis, Young & Halliburton, whose services have been signally owned by the Lord, what an amount of good has been effected through the instrumentality of your missionaries.

Brethren, it seems to us, that we have cause for increased confidence in God, when we review the circumstances above related. Whilst the field of labor is so extensive and laborers of the harvest so few, shall we not as an association and individuals composing it, exert ourselves to the utmost, by prayer and contributions, to further on this good cause? We believe that in order to ensure concert of action, and an increase of interest and exertion corresponding to it, it is only necessary that this subject be presented to the prayerful consideration of our members, and we doubt not they will arise in the majesty of their strength (by an humble dependence on the blessing of God) and cordially unite in the promotion of the good cause.

In conclusion, we would recommend to the churches composing this association, that during the ensuing year they should give this subject their attention and not delay its consideration until towards its close, but during the whole of its labors, we should prayerfully remember our beloved missionaries, and bear them up upon our hearts to a throne of Grace, that their labors during the ensuing year may be even more abundantly blessed than of the past.

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. WOOTEN, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX F.

Your committee who was appointed to write on the Bible cause beg leave to present the following:

So far as your committee is prepared to say on this important subject, the Bible cause is first in importance in the great Christian enterprise. We are happy to say to you, the American and Foreign Bible Society, formed twelve years ago by our denomination (when we were virtually excluded from cooperating with other denominations in this great enterprize) has printed largely over a million of books into forty-nine different languages, faithfully translated.

Much has indeed been accomplished, but much remains to be done for the millions who are still "without God, without Christ, and without hope in the world." By what other means can we hope to arrest the progress of infidelity and Romanism, now marching in triumph over the fields of our fair inheritance, "When Pythagoras and Confucius were filling Europe and Asia with heresies," God raised up Ezra the Prophet, to compile and publish books of the Old Testament, as an antidote to their delusions, and when Voltaire and others were laboring to crush the bleeding cause of Christ, God raised up against them the standard of the British and Foreign Bible Society; and it is a cause for grateful exultation that the same printing press which was employed to scatter the blasphemous tracts of the Prince of French Philosophers, has since been used by

Ferney, to print the word of God. The black confederacy raised their bulwarks to impede the march of truth, but they would have been equally successful, had they forged chains to bind the lightning, that cometh from the East and shineth even unto the West as the precursor of the coming of the son of man.

Voltaire boasted that he had seen the twilight of Christianity, and that the fall of its endless reign would soon cover it forever.

Yes, he did see the twilight, but he was mistaken as to the hour of the day—it was the twilight of morning, pouring its effulgence over the brim of the horizon of the nineteenth century, which he mistook for the rays of the setting sun.

The Bible, as God gave it, imparts light and information, definite, explicit, certain such as the world needs, answering inquiries upon the most important of all subjects inquiries which must be answered, or the human mind has no rest or peace. What but the doctrines of Divine Revelation, taught in the Bible, can furnish to man, the world over, a stable basis of confidence? What but its promises can sooth him under the griefs and irritations of his pilgrimage, and kindle hopes of brighter scenes in a better land. No time should be lost by us. The world needs the Bible. Its population is sinking annually in compacted millions, by a starless way to a dreary eternity. Shall we whose souls are lighted by the revelation of heaven, continue to deny to those wanderers the lamp of salvation. We are engaged in a great work, and by nothing except it be a direct countermand from heaven, should we allow ourselves to be diverted from giving the Bible, faithfully translated to the nations that inhabit the earth.

GEORGE TUCKER, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX G.

The Executive Board of the Cold Water Baptist Association beg leave to submit the following report: That they feel thankful, that the lives of all your committee have been preserved, through the associational year, and we are permitted to present to your body this our annual report under such favorable auspices. For a full and succinct account of our proceedings, we refer you to books of our secretary. We merely present the synopsis of our most important acts.

At the first meeting held by your board, they secured the ministerial services of our former missionary, brother W. Dupuy, who has so long, so faithfully, and so successfully labored, in the bounds of our association. We contracted to pay him the sum of $200 per annum, and instructed him to operate in the most destitute parts of our territory. For a detailed statement of his operations, we refer your body to his report to us, which is herewith submitted, and which we request may be read in your hearing.

At a subsequent meeting of your board, we procured the services of brother S. Halliburton, to assist brother Dupuy, in holding protracted meetings, at one dollar per day, as long as he might operate for us, provided he did not labor more days than we might have funds to pay for. We also authorized him to take up collections for his own support. His report presented to us, is herewith submitted, and we also request that it may be read to your body.

The labors of these our missionaries (assisted occasionally by brethren Dennis Young, Renfroe, and other ministering brethren) have, we trust, by the co-operation

of the Spirit of all Grace, perhaps, been more abundantly blessed, than on any preceeding year. Three new churches have been constituted—very many souls converted, and the cause of our Lord much advanced. But for a statistical account of their operations, we refer you to their reports.

Brother W. Dupuy has been acting as our missionary for the last six years, and within that time has traveled 12522 miles—preached six hundred and twenty-three sermons—lectured two hundred and eighty-seven times—visited —— families—ordained twenty deacons—administered the Lord's Supper sixteen times—ordained two ministers—delivered one hundred and fifty exhortations—attended thirty-five protracted meetings—constituted ten churches—baptized ninety-one persons. At his meetings there have been about five hundred converts. In the last five years the association has nearly doubled in numbers, and more than doubled in the number of churches.

There has probably been no religious body that the Lord has more signally blessed than this association. We have more than abundant reasons to thank His blessed name, and take fresh courage. May we all renew our exertions, and double our zeal until the last sinner within our bounds shall be converted, the heathen shall become his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth his possession.

We have paid brother Dupuy the sum of $200 and brother S. Halliburton the further sum of $49, leaving yet in our hands the sum of $

The public collection on Sabbath amounted to $38 00.

Praying that God may prosper our feeble exertions, the coming (year) more than any preceding year, we are yours in the bonds of Christian affection.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. T. SANDERS, *Chairman.*

STATISTICAL TABLE

Of Ministers belonging to the Cold Water Baptist Association, Miss.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.	POST OFFICES.	LICENTIATES.	POST OFFICES.
G. Tucker,	Chulahoma,	J. C. Power,	Chulahoma,
B. B. Buchanan,	Olive Branch,	W. Andrews,	Belmont,
S. Halliburton,	Hernando,	F.W. Thompson,	Elm Grove,
M. H. Renfroe,	Tatesville,	J. R. Hamilton,	Belmont,
C. B. Young,	Tallaloosa,	T. W. Wilson,	Chulahoma,
G. B. Waldrup,	Elm Grove,		
J. J. Power,	Gim Wolf.		
J. Dennis,	Hernando,		
J. Parker,	"		
J. Renfroe,	"		
J. Burns,	Olive Branch,		
E. Rogers,	Tallaloosa,		
J. W. Stamps,	Olive Branch,		

The amount of monies sent up by the different Churches, for the support of Home Mission, for the year 1849.

Chulahoma church sent - - - -	$	Bethany church sent - - - -	$
Union " " - - - -	5 00	Liberty " " - - - -	15 0
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Hernando " " - - - -	50 00	Antioch " " - - - -	
Salem " " - - - -		Sun Flower " " - - - -	
County Line " " - - - -	20 00	Holly Springs " " - - - -	10 0
Mount Zion " " - - - -		Philadelphia " " - - - -	
Cold Water " " - - - -		Pleasant Grove " " - - - -	
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